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SUBJECT: ECEVIT STATEMENT ON SFRC VOTE ON TURKISH
EMBARGO

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1. TURKISH EMBASSY HAS JUST GIVEN US TEXT OF PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY ECEVIT ON SFRC VOTE ON REPEAL OF ARMS
EMBARGO. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY, STATEMENT, WHICH WAS
DRAFTED BY ECEVIT AFTER HE HAD RECEIVED SECRETARY'S
MESSAGE (REF B), HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SOME TURKISH
REPORTERS HERE BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN RELEASED TO GENERAL
PRESS. OUR EMBASSY CONTACT DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY
OF CHANGES TO TEXT.

2. BEGIN TEXT

I HAVE JUST LEARNED THIS MORNING THAT THE US SFRC
HAS VOTED AGAINST THE LIFTING OF THE TURKISH ARMS
EMBARGO. THIS VOTE HAS NOT BEEN A SURPRISE TO US.
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FOR, ALTHOUGH THE OUTCOME IS NOT AS YET DEFINITE AS THERE
WILL STILL BE DELIBERATIONS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND
SENATE, WE ARE PREPARING OURSELVES NOT ON THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO WILL BE REMOVED BUT ON THE
SUPPOSITION THAT IT MAY NOT BE LIFTED.

IN FACT, WHETHER THE ARMS EMBARGO IS RESCINDED OR NOT

IS A PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS NATO AS A WHOLE JUST AS MUCH, IF NOT, PERHAPS, IN A WAY MORE THAN IT DOES TURKEY. ACCORDINGLY, IT MUST BE A PROBLEM TO THE MEMBERS OF NATO JUST AS IT IS A CAUSE OF WORRY FOR US.

FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT LOOK UPON IT AS A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR US OR AS A SOURCE OF WORRY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OUR OWN INDEPENDENCE. RATHER, WE HAVE ASKED FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EMBARGO BECAUSE WE SEEK AN EARLY SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION OF CYPRUS, AN EARLY SETTLEMENT BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE AND THE RESTORATION OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE VIGOROUSLY INSISTED UPON ITS REMOVAL. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AS LONG AS THE US ARMS EMBARGO IS MAINTAINED, AND AS LONG AS IT IS THOUGHT THAT TURKEY WILL EVENTUALLY YIELD UNDER PRESSURE, THERE WILL BE NO SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. HENCE, THE TURKO-GREEK ISSUES WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST BECAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND GREECE WILL DRAG THEIR FEET.

WE HAVE TO PROVE TO THE WORLD, AND WE HAVE EVERY INTENSION OF DOING SO, THAT TURKEY CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO HEEL UNDER THE PRESSURE OF EMBARGO AND BY ANY OTHER MEANS AND THE DEFENSE OF TURKEY CANNOT BE DEPENDENT ON

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THE DECISIONS OR INDECISIONS OF OTHER COUNTRIES OR OF THE CONGRESS OF FAR OFF COUNTRIES. TURKEY HAS, THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, BEEN ABLE TO SECURE ITS OWN DEFENSE AND TO SAFEGUARD ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE. LIKEWISE, IT WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE BY SAFEGUARDING ITS OWN SECURITY, THUS IT WILL MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE.

THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, FOLLOWING OUR WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, AND ITS EXISTENCE AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE UP UNTIL TODAY, HAVE NOT BEEN PRECLUDED BECAUSE THE US HAD NOT RATIFIED THE LAUSANNE TREATY. END TEXT

3. FOREIGN OFFICE (HEIBACH) TELLS US ECEVIT, IN OFF-THE-CUFF REMARKS TO TURKISH JOURNALISTS, WAS "VERY ANGRY AND BITTER" IN HIS REFERENCES TO THE OUTCOME OF THE SFRC VOTE.

4. ACCORDING TO HEIBACH, THE GERMANS ARE PRESSING
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THE TURKS TO MAKE SOME KIND OF "DECLARATION" WHICH WILL DEMONSTRATE A WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THEIR CYPRUS PROPOSALS. FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL IS PRESENTLY DISCUSSING THIS MATTER WITH ELEKTASH (SP). HEIBACH SAID THE GERMANS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE DECLARATION CONTAIN A WILLINGNESS TO ACHIEVE A POLITICAL SOLUTION ON VEROSHA. HE SAID IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS "DECLARATION," SHOULD THE TURKS AGREE TO IT, WOULD BE A TURKISH ANNOUNCEMENT, A JOINT GERMAN-TURKISH STATEMENT OR AN UNDERSTANDING GIVEN THE GERMANS BY THE TURKS WHICH THE FORMER COULD USE WITH THE GREEKS.
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